GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF LIGHT AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation is working on the light aircraft which can be accommodated on small aircraft carrier;

(b) if so, whether a tentative time frame for its production has been finalised; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a)Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Project Defination Phase (PDP) and Pre Project Phase (PPP) for developing Naval Variant of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA has been completed. LCA (Navy) Full Scale Engineering Development (FSED) proposal is under consideration of Government which include:

(d)Design, development, building and ground testing of two aircraft and a structural test specimen.

(e)Carrying out flight testing of approximately 400 hours towards operational clearance.